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SAN SALVADOR DIARIO LATINO IN SPANISH 10 AUG 81 PP 1, 20.

((EXCERPTS)) TERRORIST GROUPS ON SATURDAY TRIED TO SEIZE THE TOWN OF SAN MARTIN THUS CREATING UNREST AMONG THE RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, THEY WERE REFELLED BY THE AUTHORITIES AND THERE WERE MANY CASUALTIES AMONG THE TERRORISTS. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

SOME NEIGHBORS BELIEVE THAT THE SUBVERSIVES HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SEIZE THE SUPPLY CONTROL INSTITUTE TO DESTROY ITS PLANTS AND SILOS IN ORDER TO DAMAGE THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF FOOD STORED THERE.

THIS ATTACK ON SAN MARTIN, HOWEVER, WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR THE TERRORIST FORCES SINCE THEY, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, HAD MANY CASUALTIES. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

ACCORDING TO RESIDENTS OF SAN MARTIN, THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE MANY YOUNG FOREIGN-LOOKING PERSONS AMONG THE TERRORISTS. SOME WERE BLOND AND OTHERS WERE BLACK, THEY SAID. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

SOME OF THE SOURCES ASKED THE AUTHORITIES TO PLACE AN ARMED WATCH AROUND THE PLANTS OF THE SUPPLY CONTROL INSTITUTE BECAUSE THE SUBVERSIVES COULD SERIOUSLY HARM THE PEOPLE IF THEY WERE ABLE TO DESTROY THESE INSTALLATIONS.

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